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Raised Bill No. 1224

LCO No. 5808



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM AND
CERTAIN INFLATIONARY ADJUSTMENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-704 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

3 (a) The amount of qualifying contributions that the candidate
4 committee of a candidate shall be required to receive in order to be
5 eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be:

6 (1) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
7 of Governor, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount of
8 two hundred fifty thousand dollars, of which two hundred twenty-five
9 thousand dollars or more is contributed by individuals residing in the
10 state, [, except that in the case of a primary or election held in 2022, or
11 thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts shall be first adjusted
12 under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded
13 to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars
14 rounded upward.] The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to

15 the following: (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this
16 subdivision and subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) [before January 1,
17 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any
18 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
19 candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii)] on and after January
20 1, 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any
21 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
22 candidate, that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and [(iii)] (ii) any such
23 excess portion shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate
24 contribution amounts under this subdivision, (B) all contributions
25 received by (i) an exploratory committee established by said candidate,
26 or (ii) an exploratory committee or candidate committee of a candidate
27 for the office of Lieutenant Governor who is deemed to be jointly
28 campaigning with a candidate for nomination or election to the office of
29 Governor under subsection (a) of section 9-709, which meet the criteria
30 for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section
31 shall be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amounts,
32 and (C) in the case of a primary or election held in 2022, or thereafter,
33 the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount
34 provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be first adjusted
35 under subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section and then rounded
36 to the nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded
37 upward.

38 (2) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
39 of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State
40 Treasurer or Secretary of the State, contributions from individuals in the
41 aggregate amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, of which sixty-
42 seven thousand five hundred dollars or more is contributed by
43 individuals residing in the state, [except that in the case of a primary
44 or election for Lieutenant Governor held in 2022, or thereafter, the
45 aggregate contribution amounts shall be first adjusted under
46 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the
47 nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars
48 rounded upward and in the case of a primary or election for Attorney

49 General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held
50 in 2018, or thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts shall be first
51 adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section and then
52 rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty
53 dollars rounded upward.] The provisions of this subdivision shall be
54 subject to the following: (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of
55 this subdivision and subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) [before January
56 1, 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any
57 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
58 candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii)] on and after January
59 1, 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any
60 contribution or contributions from any individual, including said
61 candidate, that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and [(iii)] (ii) any such
62 excess portion shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate
63 contribution amounts under this subdivision, (B) all contributions
64 received by an exploratory committee established by said candidate that
65 meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees
66 under this section shall be considered in calculating the aggregate
67 contribution amounts, and (C) in the case of a primary or election held
68 in 2022, or thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum
69 individual contribution amount provided in subparagraph (A) of this
70 subdivision shall be first adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection
71 (c) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of ten dollars
72 with exactly five dollars rounded upward.

73 (3) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
74 of state senator for a district, contributions from individuals in the
75 aggregate amount of fifteen thousand dollars, including contributions
76 from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities
77 included, in whole or in part, in said district, [, except that in the case of
78 a primary or election held in 2018, or thereafter, the aggregate
79 contribution amount shall be first adjusted under subdivision (3) of
80 subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple
81 of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars rounded upward.] The
82 provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A)

83 Except as provided in subparagraph (D) of this subdivision and
 84 subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) [before December 1, 2017, the
 85 candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or
 86 contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that
 87 exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii)] on and after December 1, 2017, the
 88 candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or
 89 contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that
 90 exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and [(iii)] (ii) any such excess portion
 91 shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount
 92 under this subdivision, (B) no contribution shall be counted for the
 93 purposes of the requirement under this subdivision for contributions
 94 from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities
 95 included, in whole or in part, in the district unless the contribution is
 96 five dollars or more, and (C) all contributions received by an exploratory
 97 committee established by said candidate that meet the criteria for
 98 qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section
 99 shall be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount
 100 under this subdivision and all such exploratory committee
 101 contributions that also meet the requirement under this subdivision for
 102 contributions from at least three hundred individuals residing in
 103 municipalities included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be
 104 counted for the purposes of said requirement, and (D) in the case of a
 105 primary or election held in 2020, or thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-
 106 dollar maximum individual contribution amount provided in
 107 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be adjusted under
 108 subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section and then rounded to the
 109 nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded
 110 upward.

111 (4) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office
 112 of state representative for a district, contributions from individuals in
 113 the aggregate amount of five thousand dollars, including contributions
 114 from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities
 115 included, in whole or in part, in said district, [except that in the case of
 116 a primary or election held in 2018, or thereafter, the aggregate

117 contribution amount shall be first adjusted under subdivision (3) of
 118 subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple
 119 of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars rounded upward.] The
 120 provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A)
 121 Except as provided in subparagraph (D) of this subdivision and
 122 subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) [before December 1, 2017, the
 123 candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or
 124 contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that
 125 exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii)] on and after December 1, 2017, the
 126 candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or
 127 contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that
 128 exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and [(iii)] (ii) any such excess portion
 129 shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount
 130 under this subdivision, (B) no contribution shall be counted for the
 131 purposes of the requirement under this subdivision for contributions
 132 from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities
 133 included, in whole or in part, in the district unless the contribution is
 134 five dollars or more, (C) all contributions received by an exploratory
 135 committee established by said candidate that meet the criteria for
 136 qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section
 137 shall be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount
 138 under this subdivision and all such exploratory committee
 139 contributions that also meet the requirement under this subdivision for
 140 contributions from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in
 141 municipalities included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be
 142 counted for the purposes of said requirement, and (D) in the case of a
 143 primary or election held in 2020, or thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-
 144 dollar maximum individual contribution amount provided in
 145 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be adjusted under
 146 subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section and then rounded to the
 147 nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded
 148 upward.

149 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (3) and (4) of this
 150 subsection, in the case of a special election for the office of state senator

151 or state representative for a district, (A) the aggregate amount of
152 qualifying contributions that the candidate committee of a candidate for
153 such office shall be required to receive in order to be eligible for a grant
154 from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be seventy-five per cent or more
155 of the corresponding amount required under the applicable said
156 subdivision (3) or (4), [as adjusted and rounded pursuant to the
157 applicable provisions of subsection (b) of this section,] and (B) the
158 number of contributions required from individuals residing in
159 municipalities included, in whole or in part, in said district shall be
160 seventy-five per cent or more of the corresponding number required
161 under the applicable said subdivision (3) or (4).

162 [(b) (1) For elections for the office of Governor or Lieutenant
163 Governor held in 2022, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution
164 amounts in subdivision (1) or (2), as applicable, of subsection (a) of this
165 section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
166 Commission not later than January 15, 2022, and quadrennially
167 thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
168 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
169 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
170 January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year
171 preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

172 (2) For elections for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller,
173 State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held in 2018, and thereafter, the
174 aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
175 this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement
176 Commission not later than January 15, 2018, and quadrennially
177 thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
178 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
179 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
180 January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year
181 preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

182 (3) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
183 held in 2018, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in

184 subdivision (3) or (4), as applicable, of subsection (a) of this section shall
 185 be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later
 186 than January 15, 2018, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any
 187 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
 188 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
 189 Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending
 190 on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said
 191 adjustment is to be made.]

192 [(c)] (b) (1) For elections for the office of Governor, Lieutenant
 193 Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or
 194 Secretary of the State held in 2022, and thereafter, the two-hundred-
 195 fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount in subdivision (1)
 196 or (2), as applicable, of subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by
 197 the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15,
 198 2022, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in
 199 the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the
 200 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during
 201 the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December
 202 thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to
 203 be made.

204 (2) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative
 205 held in 2020, and thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum
 206 individual contribution amount in subdivision (3) or (4), as applicable,
 207 of subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections
 208 Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2020, and biennially
 209 thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index
 210 for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department
 211 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on
 212 January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year
 213 preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

214 [(d)] (c) Each individual who makes a contribution of more than fifty
 215 dollars to a candidate committee established to aid or promote the
 216 success of a participating candidate for nomination or election shall

217 include with the contribution a certification that contains the same
218 information described in subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 9-
219 608 and shall follow the same procedure prescribed in said subsection.

220 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) The following shall not be deemed to be qualifying
221 contributions under subsection (a) of this section and shall be returned
222 by the treasurer of the candidate committee to the contributor or
223 transmitted to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for deposit
224 in the Citizens' Election Fund:

225 (1) A contribution from a principal of a state contractor or prospective
226 state contractor;

227 (2) A contribution of less than five dollars, and a contribution of five
228 dollars or more from an individual who does not provide the full name
229 and complete address of the individual;

230 (3) A contribution under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this
231 section from an individual who does not reside in the state, in excess of
232 the applicable limit on contributions from out-of-state individuals in
233 subsection (a) of this section; and

234 (4) A contribution made by a youth who is less than twelve years of
235 age.

236 ~~[(f)]~~ (e) After a candidate committee receives the applicable aggregate
237 amount of qualifying contributions under subsection (a) of this section,
238 the candidate committee shall transmit any additional contributions
239 that it receives to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Citizens' Election
240 Fund.

241 ~~[(g)]~~ (f) As used in this section, "principal of a state contractor or
242 prospective state contractor" has the same meaning as provided in
243 subsection (g) of section 9-612, and "individual" shall include sole
244 proprietorships.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	9-704
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Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate the inflationary adjustment for the aggregate contribution amount that candidates participating in the Citizens' Election Program are required to raise to qualify for a grant under said program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]